

PUBLIC HEARING

June 16, 2025

The June 16, 2025 Public Hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. City Council members present were Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Susan Bucher; Dale Bucher; Tom Martin; Cathy Browne; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this public hearing was to review a request for a zoning amendment for two parcels of land being parcel #06-2210-0000-00 owned by Allen Keller and parcel #06-2215-0000-00 owned by James and Kelly Moll, with both parcels being located along the south side of Raybestos Drive. The properties are currently zoned Limited Manufacturing (LM) and a zoning designation of Residential 2 (R2) is being requested.

It was noted that Mr. Keller is currently utilizing his property for agricultural purposes, and plans to continue using his property for agricultural purposes and he has no plans to develop the property at this time.

It was also noted that Mr. James Moll is currently operating an upholstery business on his property and he would also like to reside on his property, and residences are prohibited under the current zoning designation of Limited Manufacturing (LM).

There being no further business, the President declared the hearing adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President

CITY COUNCIL

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The June 16, 2025 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Susan Bucher; Dale Bucher; Tom Martin; Cathy Browne; Kyle Treadway; Bill Sturgeon; Anne Brown; Steven Cook; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 9, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the June 9, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mrs. Susan Bucher addressed City Council regarding the temporary alley closure in the downtown between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue indicating that this alley closure makes it difficult for deliveries in this area and she doesn't feel appropriate contact was made with nearby businesses to notify them that this alley closure was going to take place. Mr. Karcher stated that the Downtown Committee requested the temporary closure of this alley due to motorists having difficulty pulling onto North Sandusky Avenue from this alley due to low visibility in this area. Mr. Dale Bucher inquired about accidents at the intersection of this alley and North Sandusky Avenue and indicated that no one contacted the American Legion, 122 North Sandusky Avenue, regarding the alley closure. Ms. Cathy Browne, noted that with the upcoming opening of Thrive, located at the southwest corner of North Sandusky Avenue and West Walker Street, the alleys in this area will be busy with future deliveries.

Mr. Dale Bucher also requested the replacement of the tree located in front of the American Legion with a smaller tree. This request will be forwarded to Mr. Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager.

Discussion was held regarding the swimming pool and its' deteriorating condition. It was noted that a determination has been made that large ticket items including replacement of the chemical feeder, filters, and filter pump will not be replaced when they go out. The swimming pool was due to be painted in 2024 and there are no plans to paint the pool in the future. Mr. Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor, indicated that the water flow at the swimming pool is a concern and when the minimum required flow rate cannot be met the pool will have to be closed as per the Wyandot County Health Department. Ms. Cathy Browne thanked Mr. Honaker for his work in keeping the swimming pool operational and indicated that she is willing to help support an income tax increase measure.

City Council members again discussed the zoning amendment request reviewed in the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to proceed with an Ordinance to address the zoning amendment request from Allen Keller and James and Kelly Moll. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Discussion was again held regarding the placement of an income tax increase on the November 4, 2025 General Election Ballot and items that need to be addressed with the potential income from the income tax increase. Mayor McColly noted that the deadline of August 6, 2025 is approaching to place a measure on the ballot. The formation of a subcommittee for an income tax increase was suggested and Ms. Cathy Browne was asked to participate. Mr. Korte volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to hold a special City Council meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an income tax increase measure for the General Election Ballot. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was noted that City Council members received the Finance Reports for April and May 2025 from the City Auditor.

Mayor McColly reported that the City is in the process of applying for financing for the East Wyandot Avenue Repaving Phase III Project. Different options are being considered to make the sidewalk on North Fourth Street, at the northeast corner of North Fourth Street and East Wyandot Avenue, ADA compliant.

It was noted that a Budget Hearing is scheduled to take place beginning at 6:50 p.m. prior to the July 7, 2025 City Council meeting.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President